

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

Contributions of St. Patrick

WHEREAS, Patrick of Briton was captured and brought to Ireland where he endured six years of slavery, and

WHEREAS, human trafficking and slavery still exists today throughout the world including in the United States, and

WHEREAS, Patrick was the first known person in the Western world to write against slavery, and

WHEREAS, upon his escape from slavery Patrick eventually returned to Ireland and advanced civilization in the region which brought an end to slavery during his life or shortly thereafter, and

WHEREAS, due to his work, "he instilled a sense of literacy and learning," writes historian Thomas Cahill, which caused Ireland to "preserve Western culture while Europe was being overrun by barbarians," and

THEREFORE, be it known that the Orange County Board of Education acknowledges March 17, 2015, as St. Patrick's Day, and

FURTHER, the Orange County Board of Education encourages all Americans to reflect on Patrick's stance against slavery, the impact he had on the development of Western civilization and education, the need to still eradicate human trafficking where it exists in the United States and around the world; and to commemorate this day with appropriate events and activities in their schools, places of worship, neighborhoods, and homes.

AYES: *BEDELL, HAMMOND, LINDSTROM, WILLIAMS*

NOES: *Boyd*

ABSENT:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

I, **Dr. Ken L. Williams**, President to the Board of Education of Orange County, California hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 11th day of March 2015.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of March 2015.

Ken Williams, Jr.

Dr. Ken L. Williams, President
Orange County Board of Education